

Raleigh Roundup

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WHEN? . . . When is the lightning going to strike? This is the question everybody around Raleigh is asking as the Legislature and Gov. Kerr Scott go into the third round of a scheduled 15-round bout.

Dark, dangerous looking thunderheads have been hanging there on the horizon for 10, these many months and the rumble of the storm has been heard in the distance, but as of today the sun is still shining and all is sweetness and light on Capitol Square. The governor's inaugural address was ambitious, his budgetary report was not unusual, and his road message is causing no lifted eyebrows, for the Legislature feels it is ready to cope with it.

PROSAIC . . . As yet, the man who has pointed with pride to "last spring's revolution" has been a rather prosaic governor. The Legislature has been ready for anything, but the bark has been worse than the bite. In fact, everything around Raleigh is ominously quiet. Could it be any chance that Gov. Scott, farmer that he is, realizes that he has a balky mule on his hands and is planning to come up on the blind side? That seems a fair assumption. Through last week, Scott had handled the Legislature very similarly to a Cherry, a Broughton, a Hoey, or an Ehringhaus. Meantime, the bleachers yell for action. Like Hoover prosperity, it seemed to be—just around the corner.

CONSERVATIVE PLUS . . . Raleigh graybeards say that 1949 State Senate is the most conservative to come to your State Capital in several years. What they mean, of course, is that the Senate will be exceedingly reluctant to add any new taxes on anything anywhere along the line as of right now—with the road question as hot as a

July 4—this is something to keep in mind. An informal survey made by this column last week among leading senators indicates, also, that the State Senate will absorb a lot of prodding before it will make any more whatever toward reducing, appreciably, any revenues which now flow daily in the thousands of dollars into the State Treasury.

NOTES . . . The word is out again that Revenue Commissioner Edwin Gill is on the agenda for removal July 1. . . . Before he left office, Gregg Cherry said that decisions on death cases gave him the most worry as governor. . . . Now Scott is confronted with a death case which will haunt his dreams, . . . increasingly . . . as the nights go by. . . . The youngest man in the Legislature: Bob Dalrymple of Lee County . . . only 27? . . . Veterans, in point of service, are former Lt. Gov. R. L. Harris of Person . . . Libby Ward of New Bern . . . E. R. Johnson of Currituck . . . W. I. Halstead of Camden . . . By the way, what is this talk about Johnson's laying the legal groundwork for horse racing, etc., in Currituck County . . . ?

REAR SEATS . . . Republicans . . . figuratively and literally . . . take a back seat in the North Carolina General Assembly . . . The best any of them can do is Seat 100, which goes to T. E. Story of Wilkes, an able representative . . . S. C. Eggers of Watauga is back there in 101 . . . R. S. Hayes of Randolph 115 . . . Boone Harding of Yadkin 104 . . . But they all do better than Good Democrat Leigh Winslow of Perquimans, 119 . . . John Kerr, Jr., son of the Congressman and former House Speaker, is in Seat 1 . . . J. V. Whitfield of Pender, a Charlie Johnson man, naturally, but a

friend of Kerr Scott just the same . . . is in Seat 2 . . . The man from Gov. Scott's own home county of Alamance . . . E. R. Hanford . . . is in 106 . . . There are 11 Republicans in the House . . . Two in the Senate . . . B. C. Brock of Davie (24th district) and Dr. C. A. Peterson of Mitchell (30th district) . . . Both in the rear of the Senate Chamber . . . Ho hum . . . Democracy at work.

GOOD HEALTH . . . "That man who do like to be beat on. He take it and he like it." Yes, the only man who can sock Gov. Kerr Scott and get away with it is one Andrew Feller, a man bigger and darker than Joe Louis. Furthermore, he gets to take a crack at Scott virtually every day in the week. Along about 11 o'clock each morning, Kerr Scott slips out of his office and ambles across Edenton street to the YMCA Health Club, where he strips to nothing flat. Then he is ready to waddle like a big old grizzly grizzly into the hot room for a good sweat, into the steam room for a fine old salt rub and more sweating and on to the shower and then to Andrew Feller, who works on him for 40 minutes, grinning broadly at the Scott jokes and the Scott groans and grimaces.

After this, the honorable governor, still au naturel if you please, takes his violet rays. Then he is ready to take on anybody as you might well imagine. During all his years as Agriculture Commissioner he went through this same procedure. So, when he says he is for the Good Health Program, he means it and he practices it.

P. S. Scott's Health Club membership for this year was given him as a Christmas present by former co-workers in the Agriculture Department.

OFF THE CUFF . . . See where the Durham coppers pinched Coach Carl Snavelly for speeding . . . They also got Coach Peahead Walker a few months ago . . . Prior to that, Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine got his come-uppance via the speeding

law in Durham . . . Appropriately known as the bull city, Durham had better be careful . . . Remember when the late O. Max Gardner, while governor, was pinched for crashing a stop light in Hillsboro? . . . Now the main Durham-Burlington highway misses Hillsboro . . . Speaking of Snavelly and speed, the report is that Carolina is trying to schedule series of games with Notre Dame. . . .

Kerr Scott inherits a virtually new Packard long as from here to front door . . . Gov. Cherry in four years put only 34,000 miles on it . . . SBI Chief Walter Anderson, Sunday Schooling former head of Charlotte and Winston-Salem police departments, tried to stay neutral in governor's race, was at last forced into Johnson camp . . . Will probably remain in same job luring Scott's administration . . . Raleigh, which takes its sports seriously, is down in dumps over State College's basketball bosses . . . Accusing figures are pointed at Eddie Bartels, rank guard who is said to have imbibed too heavily of Reno rattlesnake juice and was fired from team by Coach Case. . . .

First District job as highway commissioner now rests between Harry Ferebee of Camden County and Henry G. Shelton of Tarboro, with former coming up fast . . . W. B. Austin of Ashe County still has inside track in Northwest . . .

You may see renewal of old margarine-butter fight in Legislature, also in Congress . . . The dairy folks in State will likely be led by George Coble of Lexington . . . The feeling: Gov. Scott will not take sides, knowing that it will be a battle between dairy farmers on one hand and cotton and peanut farmers on other . . . food dealers will be with latter group . . . Also, Department of Tax Research (W. O. Suiter and L. O. Ray, former WF economics professor) has just submitted quarter-inch-thick report on farmers' cooperatives . . . There lies potential dynamite . . . Handle with care . . .

The girl on the current Red-book cover is Nancy Bass of Raleigh . . . Kerr Scott denies that mules which invaded Capitol Square one night early this month were his advance guard . . . A Dunn attorney is being considered for special judgeship . . . A Negro may be appointed to State Board of Education in April. . . .

Dry forces of Raleigh area

held a meeting Sunday, January 16, at the Tabernacle Baptist Church here . . . Another and more important meeting of same type is being held this week at the Edenton Street Methodist Church here . . . Incidentally, this column was wrong recently in saying Tabernacle had largest membership of any church in N. C. . . . Largest seems to be Edenton Street Meth-

odist, which has 2,600, roughly to Tabernacle's 3,500 . . . Are these the top?

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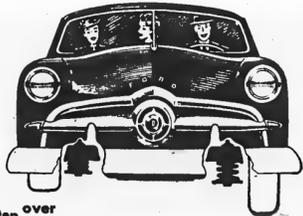
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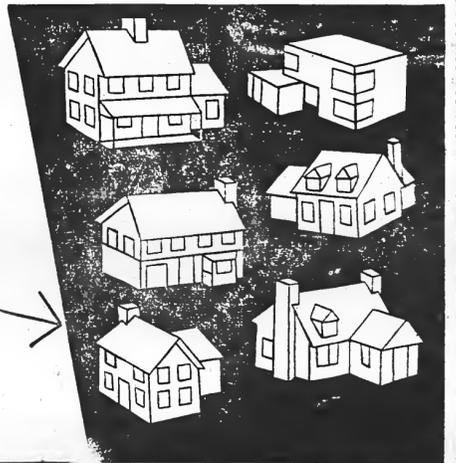
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